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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

PAOLO BARACCHINI ET AL GROUP ART UNIT:

SERIAL NO: 09/419,891

FILED: OCTOBER 18, 1999

: EXAMINER:

FOR: THERMOINSULATING MAT OF...

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, line 1, after "thermoinsulating" insert --flexible--;

line 2, before "mineral" insert --double crimped--;

line 2, change "quasi-random" to --substantially random--.

Page 4, line 5, change "1,2'," to --2,2',--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Thermoinsulating flexible mat of mineral fibers having a [quasi-random] substantially random orientation, comprising doubly crimped fibers, a [great]



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